



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

***Meeting Minute
April 8, 2008***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Blouin, Gene Propper, Tom Reynolds, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King (arrived at 7:45 for review of minutes)

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (w/ Dot O'Neil):

- On March 18th, the group held a pot luck lunch with entertainment.
- On April 15th, the group is scheduled to have Betty Straw speak.
- Jim Blouin will help coordinate the WMS event (play rehearsal) on May 6th.
- In June, the group will be hosting a garden tour at John McCausland's home.

Chuck moved to allow spending of up to \$25 to cover cost of a speaker and \$40 for the cost of food for the April 15th Senior Citizen event (as noted above). Tom seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Chuck moved to allow spending of up to \$150 for the purchase of refreshments for the June Senior Citizens event (as noted above). Jim seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW:

- To date, 98.3% of the budget remains (not unusual for this time of year)

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chuck moved to approve the minutes for March 12, 2008 as written. Gene seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

PARC COORDINATOR OPENING:

- A discussion ensued as to whether it would be politically correct for the Committee to fill the Coordinator position now or repost the position.

Tom moved to repost the coordinator position on the local access channel, town web site and local papers. Jim 2nd the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

CHASE PARK:

- Interviews for Chase Park staff will be held at 6pm-9pm on Wednesday, May 7th and (if needed) Thursday, May 8th. Kathy will coordinate interview for every 15 minutes. Chuck will notify John of these dates/times.
- Discussion held regarding the design of this year's stickers. The stickers will be different colors for boats vs. cars (#1-1000=vehicle stickers and #1001-1500=boat stickers). Suggestions also made that the stickers be like those at the transfer station

- that allow space for the license plate number to be written on the sticker. The cost of this type of sticker is \$450 (\$405 for 1500 stickers purchased last year).
- Issue brought forth regarding the issues related to the sharing of resident stickers and the problems related to the tracking and proper charging for “second vehicle” stickers.
 - Jim moved to recommend to BOS to increase the fee for resident season parking passes for second vehicles to \$10 (up from \$2) for residents. Tom seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Chuck will look into the idea of creating and providing day passes for guests to place on the dashboard of their car.
 - Suzanne Couhie has requested to hold private swim lessons at the park during the weeks of June 23-27th, July 7-11th, July 14-18th from 9:15 to 12:30. The arrangement would be the same as last year (that is, the use of the red cross stairs area limited to times when the town program is not running).
 - Chuck had Merry post proposed park hours on the town website. Only partial list available on the Cable Access Channel, but will be updated.
 - Discussion held regarding the “rain policy” at the park. Suggestions included:
 - Waiting 15-30 minutes to see if rain persists before making decision to close the beach;
 - If it is raining in the morning, close the beach until noon, then reassess in time for the afternoon shift;
 - If raining in the morning, close the beach for the day.
 - If there is a boat trailer in the parking lot, at least one staffer must remain on duty until the lot is empty.
 - Leave car gate open, but close the gate to the boat ramp.
 - Notify boaters that they will be allow ½ hour from the time it begins to rain to get off the lake.

Chuck moved to create policy for park to close due to rain, but allow all gates to remain open. 2 approved, 3 declined. Motion failed.

- Consensus that, in the event of rain, the park closing will be determined in shifts (morning/afternoon) vs. the entire day, and boaters will be notified that they have 45 minutes to remove their boats before the gates are closed. The Coordinator will be able to help the Head Gatekeeper with decision about park closings due to rain. Gene agreed to create a “boats out” notice/handout.
- It was noted that Suzanne Couhie teaches swim lessons in the rain. Therefore, we may need to leave the gate open for her students. Chuck will check with Fred regarding possible liability concerns with this policy.
- Chuck will check with Tina regarding the state regulations around the issue of minimum hours (in the past, when we’ve had to send staff home due to rain, they have been paid for a minimum of one hour of work).

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- Tom will put up the nets at the tennis court this weekend.
- Granite State Telephone plowed Bolton Fields (so they could remove trees). The fields may have sustained damage as a result of snowmobiles (Jim was there recently and noted snowmobile tracks on the fields). Gene will bring this to the attention of Winter Wanderers at their next meeting. He will also look into the possibility of better barriers/fencing.

- The Spring Lacross team has requested use of the fields. Their request does not conflict with requests for use by other organizations. A request for WAC fall soccer has also been received. There are no conflict concerns with their request either.
- Gene suggested posting a notice on the Cable Access Channel regarding Bolton Field hours.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:11pm